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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case should be approved by the Court. It is my opinion the agreement appropriately safeguards against future antitrust violations. I believe the continuing of this case through trial will not result in any better of a result than what is provided for by the settlement.

The settlement will impose numerous obligations on Microsoft. Microsoft will be required to disclose portions of its code to its competitors. They will also grant computer manufactures the right to configure Windows in such a way that it will be easier to run non-Microsoft programs while running Windows. These changes will result in restored competition. If steps are taken to restore competition, there should be no further prosecution of the antitrust case.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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